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Kurubarahalli Sy. No. 4 and Alanahalli Sy. No. 41

MLA Somashekar promises solution in 3 months

Mysuru, Mar. 4 (MTY&BCT)- Giving hopes to thousands of residents, who have properties coming under Kurubarahalli Survey No. 4 and other layouts namely Alanahalli, K.C. Nagar and Income Tax Layouts coming under Alanahalli Survey No. 41, Krishnaraja MLA M.K. Somashekar assured them that all their problems regarding ownership and the issue of 'khatas' will be solved within three months.

Somashekar

"The long-pending and vexed issue of Survey No. 4 and 41 will be solved by June-end," the MLA declared at a meeting of the residents of these layouts here this morning.

The MLA's announcement came at a 'Public Grievance Meeting' held to hear the problems of residents of Kurubarahalli, J.C. Nagar, K.C. Nagar and Siddarthanagar coming under Krishnaraja Constituency. The meeting was held at the CITB Choultry in Siddarthanagar. The meeting was inaugurated by *Star of Mysore* Editor-in-Chief K.B. Ganapathy.

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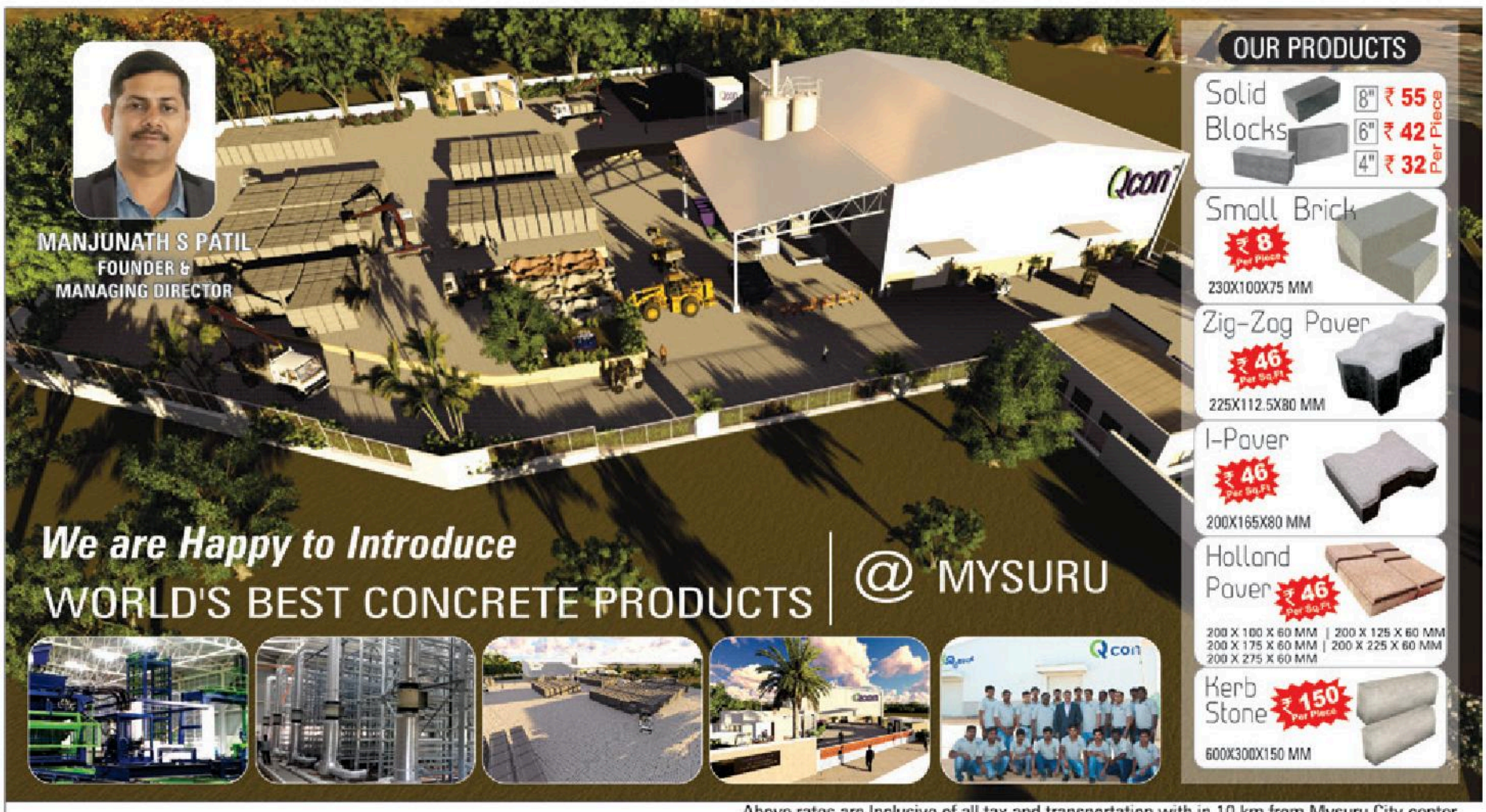

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Editor-in-Chief: K.B. GANAPATHY B.A; B.L.

Mysuru, Saturday 4th March 2017

Plight of providers

We often hear some individuals who wish to be identified as intellectuals, particularly those who profess to teach *management science* (if the scientific fraternity accept this as the main stay of their bread and butter) taking fancy to say that "Every *problem* has a solution," not forgetting to say in the same breath that "If there is no solution, there is no problem." The problems bugging the land and its people no end are figuring ad nauseam in the speeches delivered by all sorts of *'chief guests'* at virtually all public functions now-a-days. One may not take any notice of the management-science-wallas talking glibly about problems and solutions, but when functionaries in the government holding responsible posts with fat pay cheques also tell their captive audiences that the country is facing 'this problem' and 'that problem' (which are their own babies left without nappies as it were), like a lullaby causing the listeners to snooze, one has to sit up and act in a befitting manner. That manner of acting, to state explicitly in this column, may sound harsh.

If we accept *on one hand* that there is no problem if there is no solution, and prepare a voluminous list of the countless problems that the land's diaspora is burdened with, *on the other hand*, then, yet on another one more hand (!), the country and its masses have *absolutely no problem* just because none of the problems has any solution that solves the problem. That is where management science leads you to an absurd end.

Glorifying nature as *provider* of resources to sustain life of all living forms and thoughtlessly vandalising every resource left, right and centre for short-term gains, particularly by those enjoying positions, power and privileges in successive governments, is a problem with consequences of astronomical proportions that the literati will have *no problem* in visualising. If this problem has no solution, even God, accepted by believers as the *unfailing provider*, may shy away. For want of space provided for this column, the plight of two other *providers*, namely *a)* mother, the land's traditional in-charge of the family hearth and *b)* the farmer, the trusted provider of food to the nation as well as their *problems* merits highest concern, solution or no solution. Intelligentsia, with society's welfare as their focus, will do well to wear their thinking caps and lay down the road map for ensuring the plight of these two providers doesn't lead to their strangulation first and extinction next.

The King among the problems bugging the nation is the conduct of elected representatives (and their hired coterie) who make laws for *aam janata* but have turned out to be 'law-unto-themselves.' Until the land's people take it to their heart to put an end to this problem, they have *no option* but to take the brunt of the consequences. That is the writing on the wall.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Drive in India' can generate more jobs than 'Make in India': Around 13 million people enter the job market every year. Few find jobs that they want. Narendra Modi came to power promising jobs aplenty through his Make in India campaign. Alas, Labour Bureau data reveals very limited job creation. However, another much neglected area can yield a million jobs per year or more — truck driving. Truck drivers spend 25 days a month away from home, sleeping in their trucks and taking several days for each journey. They are constantly humiliated, abused and exploited by the Police and road transport officials, and have to pay bribes at several points per day to survive. Some studies suggest that a quarter of truck drivers do not get married, since their lifestyle greatly reduces their attraction in the marriage market. An even greater proportion suffer from HIV/AIDS, contracted from brothels along their driving routes. They have a high injury and death rate from road accidents, and respiratory diseases from polluted air. Many switch to city driving jobs as fast as possible. *— Swaminathan S Anklesaria Aiyar in The Times of India.*

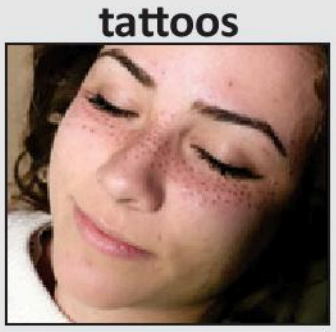
NEWS SPARKLERS

Expensive Mountain air

Bern: If you've ever been to Switzerland you already know that pretty much everything is expensive there, and the fresh mountain air is apparently no exception. Well, if you want to order a litre of Swiss mountain air collected from a secret location in the Alps, you'll have to cough up a whopping $167. This is not a joke!

John Green, a British expat living in Basel, Switzerland, is the brains behind "Genuine Mountain Air from Switzerland," a fledgling online business that promises to ship fresh, high-quality Swiss air anywhere around the world. Green claims to collect the air from a "secret location" near the town of Zermatt, then bottles it up in glass containers, labels it and ships it to buyers. Described as "the ultimate present for the man or woman that has everything," the bottled mountain air also comes with a certificate of authenticity and the exact GPS collection of the place it was collected from.

Freckle face tattoos



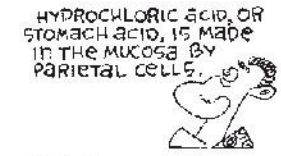
Ottawa: While some women cover their faces with thick layers of foundation to cover up natural freckles, others are apparently getting them tattooed. Yup, freckles are in, and some people would even go under the needle to get them.

Freckle tattooing is the fastest growing beauty treatments available today. Similar to microblading, an eyebrow enhancing procedure, freckle tattooing involves the use of pigments to ink freckle-like dots onto a person's face that eventually blend in with the client's skin tone.

It's unclear when exactly freckle tattooing started, but Montreal-based cosmetic tattoo artist Gabrielle Rainbow is considered one of the pioneers who spearheaded the beauty trend. Rainbow first experimented on herself, although she doesn't recommend tattooing your own face. 'Even if this is 'semi-permanent,' there are risks, such as technicians who will go too deep or not use the proper inks,' the tattoo artist said.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

How does my stomach protect itself from my stomach acids?



Your stomach lining contains a coating of mucus that protects it from acid damage. This layer of mucus, called the mucosa, is replaced every two weeks to continue to protect your stomach wall.

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Amma to give darshan to devotees in city on March 5 and 6

Mysuru, Mar. 4- Mata Amritanandamayi, better known as 'Amma,' will be in city on March 5 and 6 in connection with the Brahmasthana Temple's 17th anniversary.

Suttur Seer Sri Shivaratri Deshikendra Swamiji will grace the occasion. District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa will be the chief guest. MP Pratap Simha, MLA Vasu, Legislative Council Deputy Chairman Marithibbegowda, Mayor M.J. Ravikumar, Corporator Jagadeesh and others will be present.

Amma will also be giving individual *darshan* to her devotees in city on Mar. 5 and 6 at the Mata Amritanandamayi Mutt in Bogadi 2nd stage here.

The *darshan* programme will commence at 10.30 am and the devotees are urged to bring the invitation and obtain a token for the *darshan*. The *darshan* token is mandatory for all attending the individual programme.

For details, contact Ph: 0821-2542652 or Mob: 99003-07122 or 94495-62439.

Selected for training at Infosys

Mysuru, Mar. 4 - **V. Minal,** Class VIII student of SVEI Public School, has been selected for the Spark Catch Them Young-2017 phase 2 Training Programme conducted by Infosys.

Excels in debate contest

Mysuru, Mar. 4- **Sreekanth,** a II year B.Com student of the Vishwakavi Kuvempu First Grade College, Jayalakshmipuram, has won first prize in the inter-college Kannada debate contest held at Basudeva Somani College during *Somani Sambhram- 2017* recently.

Really...?

- ***People with blue eyes have a higher alcohol tolerance.***
- ***Newborn babies cannot cry tears for at least three weeks.***
- ***Some snakes survive for two years without a meal.***
- ***A lemon contains more sugar than a strawberry.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Santa's wife hit him on the head with the frying pan.

Santa: *What was that for?* ***Wife:*** *I found a paper in your pocket with the name BASANTI on it.* ***Santa:*** *I bet on a horse last week and BASANTI was the name of my horse.*

Wife: *Oh sorry.* ***Next day she hit him with the frying pan again.***

Santa: *Now what happened?*

Wife: *Your horse is on the phone!!*

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VOICE OF THE READER

The last word on de-silting of Kukkarahalli Lake: A Botanist's observations

Sir,

For the last 10 days, interesting observations, exaggerated statistics and impending threats to biodiversity of Kukkarahalli Lake are being discussed in different forums by different group of activists. All are ill-conceived. Please let the work continue.

On behalf of the University of Mysore, I assure the people of Mysuru that more biodiversity and natural beauty are bound to happen in the Kukkarahalli Lake in the coming days.

Today let me place the real fact. In spite of severe drought in Mysuru and elsewhere, if Kukkarahalli Lake is still functioning as an aquatic ecosystem, the credit must be given to the authorities of Mysore University and district administration. In spite of financial crunch both were responsible for **connecting the Lake with underground pipe which supply roughly 300 gallons water per day in the form of backwash water released by the Vani Vilas water treatment facility. Due to this the Lake is still alive and the biodiversity has not been affected.**

Hope, it will sustain for the next seasons and years also. Otherwise by this time the Lake would have been dried up in December itself along with many other Lakes in and around Mysuru district. The people of Mysuru city who visit the Kukkarahalli Lake morning and evening must know this fact that the inflow of water from the VVWW is responsible for maintenance of Lake. The Lake is functioning certainly not because of activism.

Kukkarahalli Lake is an artificial one. When 8-9 km feeder canal (Poornaiah canal) disappeared gradually by encroachment and when the Lake started receiving city sewage water for nearly 30-40 years in four corners, lake water is bound to get pollutants. The uncontrolled and untreated supply of sewage and solid wastes continuously is responsible for the accumulation of tonnes of silt in the form of organic and inorganic matter. This was in turn responsible for the frequent occurrence of algal blooms several times. Algal growth was also responsible for the death of many aquatic animals including fishes.

The best solution to water pollution problem is dilution. The inflow of water from VVWW reduced the concentrations of Nitrates and Phosphates and as a result algal bloom (Microcystis) incidences have reduced considerably in four regions of the Lake.

In the last 15 years, the University of Mysore and MCC have also made concerted efforts in reducing the influx of sewage, solid wastes including poultry wastes, barber shop wastes and immersion of Ganesha idols etc., to the Lake.

Right from Prof. S. N. Hegde to the present day, all Vice-Chancellors of Mysore University have made sincere efforts to make the Lake functioning and to serve as living aquatic ecosystem. Only in the last 10 years hundreds of people started visiting the Lake and are enjoying the morning and evening walks. **Now few groups of people want to take credit for the good work done by the University of Mysore and district administration.** They are claiming, as if they are the only expert people on ecology and biodiversity in Mysuru city, to have concern for Lake ecosystem and no one else.

I have not seen this type of activism when the Lake was dying few years back. When the Lake was stinking several times, none of the activists suggested any remedial measures to overcome the problem. Earlier attempts to remove the silt in certain pockets of the Lake was not successful, as the Lake water was full. Since it was not possible to remove the organic rich silt at that time, it was Mysore University that made alternate arrangements to remove the algal growth (Microcystis) physically with the help of people from garden department for several years. This process is still going on.

Experts from other parts of the world who visited Kukkarahalli Lake have also suggested to remove the organic rich silt in certain areas, so that algal blooms could be controlled effectively.

I strongly endorse the view expressed by the editor of *Star of Mysore*: ***"If silt is not removed in time, this Lake too will become bone dry and uninhabitable..."*** True. Throughout the world silt is removed from any Lake only during summer, so that water holding capacity is increased and de-silting helps to remove organic and inorganic matter accumulated over a period of time.

De-silting has never been done in Kukkarahalli Lake right from the date of its creation. The present de-silting plan undertaken by the administration is a wise move and appropriate as this removes silt only in certain parts of the Lake where water is not present and where silt has been accumulated over a period of time.

Since Kukkarahalli Lake has not been formed naturally, human intervention is certainly needed to correct the damage caused by the inflow of human waste (sewage). **Other plan of activities for the Lake will not affect the overall functioning of biodiversity including plants, animals and microbes.**

I also strongly disagree with the views of many activists that grants are being squandered in the name of meddling with the Tank. It is untrue.

—Prof. G. R. Janardhana,
Chairman, Board of Studies in Botany, Dept. of Studies in Botany
Manasagangothri
1.3.2017

Don't urbanise this beautiful lake

Sir,

Kukkarahalli Kere is a walker's paradise. And I speak for all morning and evening joggers when I say that hundreds of people enjoy the quietness and silence it provides. As do the various flora and fauna that reside in the Lake.

Transforming the lake into a tourist destination with butterfly parks and entry arches eliminates the very serenity that people thoroughly enjoy. De-silting the Lake during summer leads to drying up of the water body. With the scorching sun and the temperatures soaring high, urbanising this beautiful spot is not appreciative.

—Sindhu Nagaraj
Mysuru
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No CGPA meeting

There will be no monthly meeting of Central Government Pensioners' Association (CGPA), Mysuru, scheduled for Mar. 8 (Wednesday), according to Association President Dr. T.S. Sathyanarayana Rao.

Discourse

Ashtanga Yoga Vijnana Mandira has organised a discourse on 'Arsha Samskruti - Samskara-19' by Dr. K.L. Shankaranarayana Jois at its premises on Seshadri Iyer Road, Lakshmipuram, on Mar. 5 at 7 pm.

Contests for women

As part of International Women's Day, the Karnataka Rajya Sarvajana Mahila Hitarakshana Vedike will be organising Singing (Bhavageete, Folk Songs, Devotional Songs) and Sports Contests for women on Mar. 5. Women in the age group of 35 to 60 years can take part. For details, contact Vedike office at No. 534, Cheluvamba Agrahara, K.R. Mohalla or call Mob: 94496-80130 or 89716-18436.

Ramanujacharya Award for Raghuram

Social activist K. Raghuram will be conferred 'Ramanujacharya Award' at a programme to be held at Kannada Sahitya Parishat Building on the evening of Mar. 8 (Wednesday). The award is instituted by Bharatiya Samskrutika Vikasa Vedike. For details, contact Mob: 99015-14458 or 88674-16122.

Excels in Abacus

Prashanth

Sudhanva

G. Prashanth, a V standard student of St. Joseph Higher Primary School, has secured first rank in the 9th-level under 2nd category) at the State-level Abacus Competition organised by IQ Plus Academy at Vijaya Vittala Vidyashala premises here recently. He is the son of Gopal Krishna and Chandra Kala. S. Sudhanva, a IX standard student of Vijaya Vittala Vidyashala, has secured first rank in the 9th -level under 5th Category of the contest. He is the son of R. Srisha and S. Bharathi. Both were trained under Abacus teacher Shrikanth Bhat.

Man killed as heavy marble slabs come crashing down

Mysuru, Mar. 4 (SBD&BCT)- A

K.P. Girish

worker, who was shifting heavy-weight marble slabs, died in city yesterday evening as marble slabs fell on him while they were being unloaded from a truck. He died on the spot due to severe bleeding as the slabs fell on his head. The incident occurred at Lakshmipuram at the godown of Rajasthan Marbles near Nanjumalige.

The victim has been identified as 26-year-old K.P. Girish, a resident of Chikkanandi (Chamalli) at Hampapura Hobli in H.D. Kote Taluk. Girish, along with other workers, was unloading the marble slabs that were brought in a truck from Rajasthan. As the slabs were wide and heavy, at least four to five were engaged in the unloading operation.

As they were unloading the slabs, the A-shaped stand that is erected on the ground to support the heavy slabs broke and in the process the slabs slipped and crashed on Girish. The victim who was caught in the middle of the slabs could not escape. Though workers tried to lift the slabs, Girish bled to death as his head was severely injured.

Girish was working at the Rajasthan Marbles since over eight years and he has two twin daughters. He used to commute between Mysuru and H.D. Kote and was the sole breadwinner for his family. Hearing the news, his wife, relatives and villagers rushed to city and were inconsolable. They kept the dead body in front of the shop and demanded compensation from the shop owners and they refused to move till the money is paid.

MLA M.K. Somashekar visited the spot and assured the victim's family that the owners will pay the compensation. Later, Girish's body was taken for cremation.

Lakshmipuram Police have registered a case against the shop owner and the truck owner for not taking enough precautions while unloading the marble slabs.

Six deer found dead in BRT Reserve

Mysuru, Mar. 4- Close on the heels of the death of five spotted deer and seven wild goats at the Nagarahole National Park, six deer were found dead yesterday at Biligiri Ranganathaswamy Tiger (BRT) Reserve. Like in Nagarahole, here too, the deer died after they drank water that was mixed with pesticide.

The carcass of three stags and three spotted deer were found at a field near Hondarabalu village in Chamarajanagar taluk. The carcasses were found 200 metres from the reserve forest yesterday morning by the Forest Department while they were on patrol. They said that the deer had traces of blood on their nostrils as they would have puked after drinking water that was mixed with urea and other pesticides.

Biligiri Ranganathaswamy Tiger Reserve Director R. Ramesh Kumar, ACF Shivashankaraswamy and K. Gudi RFO Nagendra Naik visited the spot. They said that it was common for wild animals to stray into villages on the borders in search of food and water as most water sources have dried up.

The cause of death would be ascertained after getting the post-mortem report. "We suspect that either the animals would have drunk pesticide-laden water or they would have eaten crops that would have been sprayed with pesticides," officials said.

Housewife ends life

Parents allege dowry harassment

Mysuru, Mar.4 (SPN&DM)- A 22-year-old housewife reportedly committed suicide by hanging self at her residence in Kurubageri, Lashkar Mohalla here on Friday.

The deceased has been identified as Amruta, a native of Adagur village in K.R. Nagar taluk.

Amruta, said to be a distant relative of former MP A.H. Vishwanath, was married to Lohit, a resident of Kurubageri in Lashkar Mohalla one-and-a-half-year ago.

The deceased Amruta's parents and relatives, accusing Lohit's family of dowry harassment, gathered in front of Lohit's residence, which led to tension at the spot for sometime. However, Lohit and his family members had fled from the house before Amruta's kin could arrive.

Accusing Lohit's family members of being responsible for Amruta's death, her relatives demanded that the Police arrest Amruta's in-laws on charges of murder.

Preventing the Police, who were deployed in large numbers, from shifting the body to MCC&RI, the protesters said that they would not allow shifting of the body until Lohit's family members return to the house.

But the protesters budged after the Police gave an assurance that action would be taken against the accused. Lashkar Police, who have registered a case of unnatural death in this regard, are investigating.

Excise contractor and youth found dead under mysterious circumstances

Mandya, Mar.4 (NG&DM)- An

Rangaswamy

Excise contractor from Mandya was found dead under mysterious circumstances at his hotel yesterday. The deceased Excise contractor has been identified as Rangaswamy.

Rangaswamy, who is also the proprietor of Jyothi International Hotel located at Kallahalli in Mandya, slept at a room of the hotel on Thursday night. But as Rangaswamy did not come out of the room even after 9 am yesterday morning, the hotel staff alerted his son Srinivas.

Srinivas, who rushed to the hotel, opened the room door using another key, when Rangaswamy was found dead on his bed.

Meanwhile, a youth named Ranjith, who was seen with Rangaswamy till Thursday evening, too was found dead under mysterious circumstances at another location in the town.

Even as Ranjith's family members were making final preparations for his last rites, the Police acting on Srinivas' information, rushed to the spot and took possession of the body.

The Police handed over Ranjith's body back to his family members after post-mortem.

Rangaswamy's son Srinivas, in his complaint with the Police, said that he was suspicious about the death of his father and the youth Ranjith who was seen with his father until Thursday evening and demanded a thorough probe into their deaths.

Mandya West Police, who have registered a case of unnatural death in this regard, are investigating.

Body of unidentified woman found

Mysuru, Mar.4 (US)- The body of an unidentified woman aged about 50 years was found lying on a stone bench between platforms 4 and 5 at city Railway Station yesterday.

A case of unnatural death has been registered and relatives of the deceased have not been found during investigation.

The woman is 5ft tall, lean built, wheatish complexion and was draped in a pink saree with black blouse. The body has been kept at the mortuary of MMC&RI.

Relatives of the deceased may contact Mysuru Railway Police on Ph: 0821-2516579.

Obituary

Govinda

Mysuru, Mar.4- Govinda, a

retired Excise Sub-Inspector, passed away at a private hospital here yesterday following brief illness. He was 60.

A resident of 5th Cross, Kesare 2nd Stage, he leaves behind his wife Lakshmi, three daughters, a son and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Thibbadevi burial ground in N.R. Mohalla this afternoon.

Family can be contacted on Mob: 99004-61272 or 96110-70599.

Power lines burn crops; CESC asked to pay Rs. 3.86 lakh relief

Mysuru, Mar. 4- The Mysuru District Consumer Disputes Redressal Forum has asked Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) to pay a compensation of Rs. 3.86 lakh to a farmer whose sugarcane crop was burnt in a fire caused by overhead electricity cables in Periyapatna. CESC was also directed to pay Rs. 3,000 towards mental agony and deficiency in service and Rs. 2,000 towards costs.

According to Gowramma, the farmer who moved the Consumer Forum, her sugarcane crop grown on 2 acres 33 guntas of land in Gangegowdana Koppal near Periyapatna was destroyed along with oak, coconut and areca-nut trees due to sparks flying from overhead power lines. The fire incident occurred in March 2015 and Gowramma had demanded a compensation of Rs. 5 lakh.

The CESC, however, paid her only Rs. 22,474 forcing her to approach the Consumer Forum. In response to Gowramma's petition, CESC said that Gowramma had planted a number of oak trees beneath the low-tension (LT) electricity cables passing through her land. The trees had been planted after the CESC gave the farmer electricity connection and the fire accident would not have occurred had they been trimmed periodically.

After the fire, an electrical inspector who had visited the spot said there was no sag in the electrical lines and they were maintained well. He submitted a report and said that the incident may have occurred due to heavy wind. Relying on his statement, CESC argued before the Forum that the incident was an "act of God" and it cannot be held responsible for the fire accident. CESC also claimed that though it was not responsible for the incident, a compensation of Rs. 22,474 was paid on humanitarian grounds. Gowramma assessed the crop loss and the trees to be Rs. 4.23 lakh and told the Forum that the electrical inspector who conducted the survey had reported the cause of fire to be the result of a spark due to a short circuit from the electricity cables.

After collecting information from the authorities and assessing the value of the loss suffered at Rs. 3.86 lakh, the Forum, headed by President H.M. Shivakumara Swamy, has directed the CESC to pay Rs. 3.86 lakh with interest at 12% from December 2015, the date on which Gowramma lodged a complaint with them.

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ಟೆಂಡರ್ ನಿಬಂಧನೆ ಮತ್ತು ಷರತ್ತುಗಳನ್ನು ಪ್ರತ್ಯೇಕವಾಗಿ ಇದರೊಂದಿಗೆ ಲಗತ್ತಿಸಿದೆ. ಮೇಲಿನ ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಇ-ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಟೆಂಡರ್-ಕಂ-ಬಹಿರಂಗ ಹರಾಜಿನ ಟೆಂಡರಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಬರುವ ಅತಿ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ದರ ನೀಡಿರುವವರನ್ನು ಅನುಮೋದನೆಗೆ ಪರಿಗಣಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು. ಯಶಸ್ವಿ ಬಿಡ್ಡುದಾರರು ಇದರಲ್ಲಿ ನಮೂದಿಸಿರುವ ಒಟ್ಟು ಮೊಬಲಗಿನ ಮೂರು ತಿಂಗಳ ಮುಂಗಡ ಹಣವನ್ನು ನಗದಾಗಿ ಅಥವಾ ಡಿ.ಡಿ. ರೂಪದಲ್ಲಿ **ಮಾನ್ಯ ಆಯುಕ್ತರು, ಮೈಸೂರು ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ, ಮೈಸೂರು** ಇವರ ಹೆಸರಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾವತಿಸಬೇಕು.

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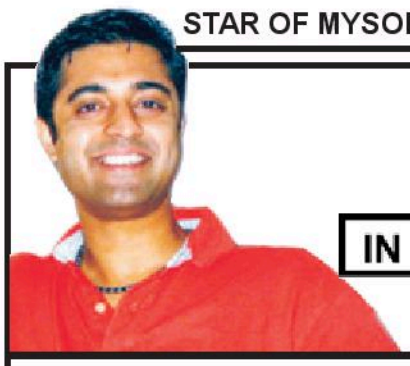

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Musings on Student Unions

The student protests these days are getting more frivolous by the day and so is the media that seems obsessed with local Delhi politics and projecting it like it is of national importance.

Now what is so special about students of Delhi University that we need to be kept updated about their every tribulation. The only time a non-Delhi University made news recently was when Rohith Vemula committed suicide in Andhra. But here too the learned students did not ask political parties why they were mum to earlier suicides of dalit students as politicians descended upon Hyderabad University?

The answer is because all parties 'run' a political Student Wing — Congress has National Students Union of India (NSUI); AAP runs Chhatra Yuva Sangharsh Samithi (CYSS); Trinamool Congress has the Trinamool Chhatra Parishad (TMCP); CPI(M) runs All India Students Association (AISU). And, of course, there is the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP), which is actually NOT the student wing of BJP but of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS). In fact, ABVP was founded before the BJP !

Today student leaders simply see their position in the Student Organisations as a stepping-stone to a larger career in politics. And thanks to a lazy media in Delhi, a city where most of the national 24x7 news channels are located, a local University leader is turned into a national figure! And so even leaders from various political parties start scouting for leaders and grooming them by creating situations that attract media attention.

Remember when Sitaram Yechury of CPI (M) announced to the media that Kanhaiya Kumar, the student leader, who had grabbed national attention, would be campaigning for them in the State elections while Kanhaiya was still telling Barkha Dutt of *NDTV* that he was *"just a student leader who wants to fix student problems and be a teacher."*

Did both Yechury and Kanhaiya feel a Ph.D research in African Studies is a waste of time and campaigning has a better career prospect? After all, professional politicians like Sitaram Yechury, Prakash Karat, Nitish Kumar, Arun Jaitley, Kamal Nath and even Ambika Soni, were all student leaders.

So probably inspired by the above success stories, 20-year-old Gurmehar Kaur also wanted to make her mark in the Student Union scene with a *Facebook* post. Unfortunately today politics is vicious and a Student Union is only an extension of that political ferocity. Also you cannot get too philosophical about war, that too one perpetuated by a troublesome neighbour with whom we have a long history. Especially a war that was provoked by the other side. And also an illogical statement will always get a smart-ass retort, like the one given by Virender Sehwag.

Some said the conservatives were scuttling free speech. But in the same breath the liberals too did a disservice to free thought when they didn't allow Shazia Ilmi to speak about the socio-economic trauma brought upon Muslim women because of triple talaq. Why didn't liberals take Sitaram Yechury to task when he suddenly appeared at the student protests and turned a nationalist debate into a religious one when he said, *"our nationalism is we are Indian not who is a Hindu."* The extreme Left are as extremist as their brothers on their Right. It is time they got off their high horse.

Now, Student Unions in Delhi are becoming a menace where half-informed and politically motivated youngsters think they represent a nation of a billion aspirations, languages, cultures and mindsets. Yes, it is indeed healthy to have a student body but only if it actually works towards improving the quality of education and environment in a University. But empirical evidence has shown that Student Unions don't work so positively or apolitically. It has shown that quality of education suffers, as there are frequent disruptions by these aggressive bodies. That is why Karnataka banned Student Unions.

Even in a small city like Mysuru, Student Union elections were wild and violent. I remember seeing a senior being kidnapped in an autorickshaw by his opponent and kept captive in a house in Bogadi area till the election was over! I even remember a candidate from a well-off family in city taking elected class-representatives at SJCE to a resort in the outskirts of Mysuru for a party and then bringing them back the next day, the Election Day, to vote for him! Yes, we had 'Resort Politics' in college politics long before it became a popular strategy in mainstream politics.

I also remember a group of my seniors being elected to the student body with the help of some local goondas... of course, their service did not come for free; the newly-elected student body paid them with the money raised for the annual college fest! Today some of these boys speak of corruption in India sitting in their drawing rooms in America.

Now with all this Student Union hyper-activity, the Congress government in our State wanted to revoke the ban on forming Student Unions in Karnataka but the Vice-Chancellors expressed their displeasure and so the matter remains *status quo*.

In fact, last year when there was talk of revoking the ban the then VC of Mysore University Prof. K.S. Rangappa immediately responded saying elections would distract students from academics and there was no need for elections as the students had representatives in the Academic Council. Bangalore University VC Prof. M.S. Thimmappa was more harsh when he said *"Students must focus on studies and political organisations by pouring money will only distract young people from it. We should give students leadership training, not rowdy training."*

So for now, let's hope our State government remembers why Student Unions were banned in Karnataka. Let's hope what is happening in Delhi remind us all of the existing dangers of politics in our educational institutions. And let's pray our governments create world class Universities where students can explore, experiment and excel instead of being indoctrinated into narrow political ideologies.

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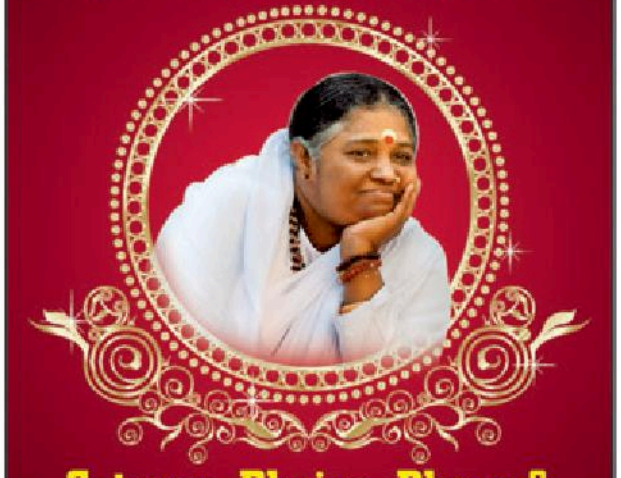

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INDIAN AIR FORCE HEAD QUARTERS SOUTHERN AIR COMMAND

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

1. Air Officer Commanding in Chief, Head Quarters Southern Air Command Invites applications from the eligible candidates for engagement as part time for 'OUTSOURCING OF SPECIFIC MEDICAL SERVICES' for the Financial Year 2017-18 at Stations/Units under Area of Responsibility. On top of the envelop "REGISTRATION FOR OUTSOURCING OF SPECIALIST MEDICAL SERVICES FOR FY 2017-18" to be written. The deadline for receipt of applications is 21 days from the date of publication in news paper. The detailed information is as appended below:-

Sl No	Station/Unit / Place for receipt of application	Specialist Service	Timing	Qualification	Place of engagement
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
(i).	Commanding Officer HQ SAC(U) ,Akkulam Trivandrum -695011	Psychological Counselor	02 hrs Once a week	MA in Psychology/ Master in Social Work	Station Medicare Centre in HQ Southern Air Command (Unit)
		Dentist	02 hrs Thrice a week	BDS from a recognised University with minimum 02 years of experience.	
		Paediatrician	02 hrs Once a week	MS/MD in the concerned speciality	
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		Dentist	02 hrs Once a week	Bachelor Degree in Dental Surgery	
		Medical Officer	02hrs/ day (25 days a month)	MBBS	
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		Gynaecologist	02 hrs Once a week	MBBS, MD /DNB (Obs & Gynae) /DGO (Ladies will be preferred)	
		Paediatrician	02 hrs Once a week	MBBS, MD /DNB /DCH (Paediatrics)	
		Dentist	02 hrs Once a week	MDS/BDS	
		Psychological Counselor	02 hrs Once a week	MSc Psychology with 05yrs experience in counseling.	
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		Gynaecologist	02 hrs Twice a week	MBBS, MD /DNB (Obs & Gynae) with minimum 02 years of experience.	
		Paediatrician	02 hrs Twice a week	MBBS, MD /DNB /DCH (Paediatrics) with minimum 02 years of experience.	
		Dentist	02 hrs Twice a week	BDS from a recognised University with minimum 02 years of experience.	
		Psychological Counselor	02 hrs Twice a week	MA in Psychology/ Master in Social Work with minimum 02 years of experience.	

2. Interested candidates may apply on plain paper along with photocopies of qualification and experience certificates, bio-data with mobile number, two recent passport size photographs addressed to respective Stns/Units for the respective services by hand/post within ten days of publication of advertisement. After verification of documents, eligible candidates will be informed telephonically regarding date, venue and time of the interview. The candidates are required to intimate their remuneration (Payment) they expect per visit for the fixed duration as per Column No. 04 above. The candidate will be selected on the basis of their performance in personal interview and the lowest payment per visit asked by them/negotiated at the time of selection.

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Celebrating Women POWER

By S.N. Venkatnag Sobers

International Women's Day is celebrated on March 8 every year across the globe to celebrate womanhood. It is the day to celebrate the respect, appreciation and love towards women for their economic, political and social achievements. This year's United Nations theme for women's day is "Women in the Changing World of Work: Planet 50-50 by 2030". Though such initiatives are taken to celebrate womanhood yet the incidents of women being sexually harassed and assaulted have not reduced over the past decades. We as a society must come together to stop atrocities against women and work for their betterment, especially in the rural areas.

This Weekend Star Supplement is dedicated to women who have risen solely based on their talent and have made themselves and their loved ones proud.

Anitha Ravindra, a true inspiration for every woman

She was born as any other normal child but the fate wasn't on her side, as the six-year-old girl met with a gruesome accident when a lorry ran over her, unfortunately resulting in her losing out on her left hand and the left leg.

Further during treatments, the high dosage of drugs she was put under also made her partially hearing impaired. But the brave girl that she was, she fought all odds to grow as an independent woman to a level where she is now pursuing her Ph.D in Education, undeterred by her physical disabilities. The woman we are talking of is Anitha Ravindra, who works as a teacher in Economics at the Demonstration School in city.

Star of Mysore had a brief interview with her on the occasion of International Women's Day. Excerpts…

SOM: How difficult was it for you to grow after going through such trauma as a child?

Anitha: I actually faced no problem while I was a kid. But, it was during my high schooling when I was diagnosed for hearing impairment, that the reaction and behaviour of people around me started changing. It was harsh and hurting. Even today when I go out in public few people look at me as though I am an alien. But with time, I have learnt to ignore them as I have developed a hard shell against all that around my self now. In reality, everyone faces restrictions including those with a normal lifestyle. But, sadly, many think that people like us take advantage of our condition for our personal benefits which is not true.

SOM: Has it been difficult to work as a teacher with the condition you are in?

Anitha: Teaching is one thing I love so much. Never ever I have found difficulties to carry out my professional duties. I believe that being a teacher is the best profession one can have. Like I said earlier, I do have some restrictions. Before taking the class, I tell about myself and my disabilities to children and I even ask them to speak a little louder so that they are audible. Moreover, I don't even sit while taking classes and I make sure to walk around explaining them about the topic that is taught for the day. My students have been co-operative and have made my life easy.

SOM: What's your opinion on the atrocities against women that is rampant in the society?

Anitha: According to me laws against sexual harassment have not been strictly implemented. Being a victim of disability harassment and sexual harassment myself in my work place and having complained about the same, the Disability Commission has passed the judgment in my favour with few suggestions which are yet to be implemented by the NCERT. With respect to the complaint on sexual harassment which I had filed, the committee from the Department of Women and Child Welfare has also found the allegation made by me to be true and I am currently waiting for the High Court judgment. But, being a disabled woman, I have been subjected to continuous mental torture, with two persons in particular against whom I have filed a sexual harassment case having falsely filed a case against me in turn. This is being done to scare me and make me withdraw the case against them.

SOM: How has the family support been in all your endeavours?

Anitha: My family has been very supportive since the beginning. My parents, who are no more, ensured that I do not go behind people asking for help because of my disabilities. Instead, they made me strong, self reliable and also independent. I met my husband (M.S. Ravindra) in a cricket and we decided to enter the wedlock. My son is also co-operative but he is finding it hard to understand why I am not like any other normal mother. I am trying to make him understand and hopefully he will come to terms with the facts soon. I wish to add that NCERT has also been very co-operative since the day-one I started to work for the organisation. The council helped me to procure the special vehicle which has helped me to travel with ease from school to home and vice versa.

SOM: Your message on the occasion of International Women's Day?

Anitha: Women, especially those who are specially-abled, are on par with all other women. They need not bow to the pressures from the society but instead face them boldly to achieve their goals.

Women in general are capable to doing any work apart from taking care of their family and loved ones which people need to strongly acknowledge.

Sabitha Monis, champion for the specially-abled

Though the world has evolved itself over centuries with humans reaching up to Mars and Moon, many unfortunately still live in the old time frame, when people once believed that being born as a differently-abled child was a curse. However, only few have realised that being differently-abled is also a blessing and have gone out of their way and achieved great fetes. One such inspirational person is Sabitha Monis, who was born without her hands. But same never hindered her life in anyway.

Sabitha having lost both her hands by birth lost no hopes as a kid. Instead, her disability made her so strong that she ensured she learnt to write with her legs.

Star of Mysore met Sabitha Monis for a brief chat during her recent visit to Mysuru to inaugurate 'Bhandhavya-2017', sports competition for the specially-abled organised by Rotary Mysore Mid-Town. Excerpts…

SOM: For many, special kids are still a curse. What's your thought?

Sabitha: Unfortunately, though there have been many awareness programmes on the issue, still many of the specially-abled kids are not given the care they deserve. They have to be treated as any other normal kids with love and affection which inspires them to make the best of their lives and enter the mainstream society.

SOM: Are you satisfied with the programmes announced for the welfare of the specially-abled?

Sabitha: The government is already providing them with free education. But it can do much more which actually helps the parents of these kids look after their children better. Teachers, who are in-charge of building the future of special kids must be provided with proper training and extended additional facilities, as they put in an extra effort to build the lives of these kids so that they get to enjoy a good professional life as they grow up.

SOM: Was it difficult for you to grow as a special kid?

Sabitha: There was not a single problem at my home as everyone supported me. But, at the time when I wanted to join the school none of them gave me admission in normal schools and instead suggested my parents to put me in a special school. With a lot of disappointment we had return home as we couldn't go to Mangaluru to join special school.

SOM: Then how did you manage to join a school?

Sabitha: Though I was denied admission, I made sure to attend the anganawadi school from morning till afternoon and later sat with I std students at a government school in my native. Once, it so happened that an officer came for an inspection and took the head master to a task for denying me the admission. Later, I was admitted to the same government school.

SOM: What inspired you to start writing with your legs?

Sabitha: I don't quite remember when I started to write with my legs. But, my parents say that at the time when my brother and sisters would be doing their homework even I started writing with my legs holding a chalk piece.

SOM: How difficult was it for you to write with your legs?

Sabitha: I didn't find it difficult at all. Even today I feel very comfortable to write with my legs and never felt I am any different compared to other children around me.

For this, I am glad that my parents have helped me grow up to a level where I can take my own decisions and lead a decent life based on my own will and wish.

Dr. Roopa Prakash, an angel who binds mother & child

Over the past few decades the society has witnessed women growing strength-to-strength on par with their male counterparts. Be it in the field of engineering, medicine, aerospace, military, judiciary or even politics, women have been at the helm of affairs and proven their talent. Furthermore, to hold a position of welcoming a precious life into the world almost every day is in fact the greatest jobs a woman can ever pursue. One such person, who has been working day-in and day-out to protect several mothers and children is Dr. Roopa Prakash, Gynecologist and Obstetrician who works as a visiting consultant with Kamakshi Hospital and Apollo BGS in city.

Star of Mysore spoke to Dr. Roopa Prakash to learn more about her works, women and female foeticide. Excerpts…

SOM: How does it feel to see yourself as one of the many successful female doctors in the city?

Dr. Roopa: I don't think that I should be listed among the successful doctors in city. Honestly, I have always treated my patients with utmost care and affection. And the recognition hasn't come overnight. Instead, it has come to me because of my honesty and unbiased service for 25 long years. It was during January, 1992 that I started my career and since then I have been serving the people in my own capacity. Today, I am happy with myself for the achievements that I have been able to accomplish.

SOM: What's your take on the growing number of atrocities against women?

Dr. Roopa: I feel that both men and women are different with different kinds of capabilities. For instance, when it comes to hard work and decision making, men always have an upper hand. And women, though work in challenging situations at both home and outside, still hold an upper hand when it comes to handling a family right or accomplish well in childcare. Nobody is superior or inferior when it comes to this aspect. The problem arises only when there is an ego clash. I think, the men who treat women badly must know the fact they are born to a mother, who is also a woman and the first one he is actually connected to. A girl friend he desires to have is also a woman; the goddesses he worships are also women. Then why not treat women with respect and dignity? Hence, I believe that it is the men who have to change and not women.

SOM: The field of medicine too is dominated by men to quite an extant as we all know. So how has been your experience a doctor?

Dr. Roopa: Like I said earlier, it's been 25 years since I started working as a Doctor. I have worked with my male colleagues very closely but not even for a single day have I been let down or intimated by them. It's been a wonderful journey and I feel fortunate to be working with many talented people.

SOM: Even today there are people who wish to have a baby boy instead of a girl. What's your opinion?

Dr. Roopa: It is nice to have daughters. Fortunately, there is Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (PCPNDT) Act, which has been implemented stringently that prevents sex determination. Cases of female foeticide, which was on the rise at one point of time has been reduced quite much, all thanks to the implementation of the act.

But, the mindset among a few people still remains the same. Many still want a baby boy as their first child. In olden days, at the time when there was no concept such as family planning and parents had 7-8 kids in which three or four would have been males. But, now since the cost of living has shot up, parents cannot afford to have more than two kids. Even today, when we inform people that the new born is a girl child, they stare at us as if we (doctors) are at fault. This attitude has to change for our society to turn better.

SOM: Your message on the occasion of International Women's Day?

Dr. Roopa: Every day is women's day according to me. Every woman should be bold and confident and do something in life on her own, and also pursue a career in the field of her interest. It is also important to educate and empower daughters.

Nandini Hiremath, an actress par excellence

One of the finest actors produced by city's theatre repertory Rangayana is Nandini Hiremath. Having come from a city like Bengaluru, she joined the repertory in Mysuru in the year 1989 under the guidance of late B.V. Karanth, Founder-Director of Rangayana. Nandini was just 19 when she joined Rangayana 28 years ago. Today, she is one of the most respected actors not only among those in the theatre circles in Mysuru but among others throughout the State as well. Star of Mysore had brief talk with Nandini Hiremath to know about her career and life as a theatre artiste. Excerpts...

Star of Mysore (SOM): Can you give us an insight into how did theatre happen to you?

Nandini: I was interested in theatre since my childhood. When I was 19-years-old, I was informed about the interview called to select artistes for Rangayana for which B.V. Karanth was the director. At that time I was supposed to write my final year BA (English) examination in Bengaluru. I came for the interview and got selected. Later, I took permission to attend my last exam paper before joining Rangayana.

Also, my father, K.V. Rajagopal has been my inspiration to join theatre as he was the HoD of Department of Dance, Drama and Music at Bengaluru University. In fact, he was also one of those who worked to popularise theatre in colleges during those times.

SOM: In earlier days, theatre was not considered to be an ideal profession for women. Was it difficult for you to convince your family about your passion?

Nandini: Like I said earlier, my dad has been a great inspiration for me to pursue my passion. It is true that in those days women were not allowed to do theatres for a profession. But, I was firm on my decision to pursue my career as a theatre artiste despite my family's opposition, except for my father being supportive. It took my family sometime to accept the fact that I was into full-time theatre activities. But, once they saw the quality of work I was into, they were convinced.

SOM: How was it to be working with a stalwart like B.V. Karanth?

Nandini: Firstly, I feel lucky to be a part of Rangayana because I was one among the 25 people who were selected among 500 other candidates having come for the interview way back in 1989. We were also fortunate to be trained under B.V. Karanth who inspired us to continue with our passion. We were trained for seven years by the stalwart, the fruitful results of which can be seen even to this date. He also made sure that we took a vow not to quit Rangayana at any point of our career and instead work towards building the repertory.

SOM: Your thoughts on yesteryear theatre and present theatre?

Nandini: Present day theatre has evolved so much that there are a lot of opportunities for the actors to showcase their talents. There is financial stability as both Central and State Governments provide sufficient funds for theatre groups as an encouragement to carry forward theatre activities. But, not many youngsters take theatre as a profession because they are not paid well.

SOM: Theatre has also given you your life partner. Your thoughts?

Nandini: It's true that theatre has given me a wonderful life partner in Prashanth Hiremath. It's been fabulous to have found a perfect companion who is also from same profession. I have only heard about couples having differences of opinions while they work in the same profession. But, for me it has been the other way around. We both share our thoughts about the play we enact or about things related to our field. Even, our daughter is interested in theatre and shares her ideas and thoughts about our plays too.

Nikhila is here to leave a trail in Kannada Filmdom

Mysuru, apart from being known for its heritage tag, is also famous for many things artistic. And one such is theatrics. The place is known for its amateur theatre groups, which have contributed immensely to the Kannada film industry with many best of talents. One such talented actress to have stepped into the glamour world through 'Srinivasa Kalyana' is Nikhila Suman.

Star of Mysore caught up with this talented actress during her promotional tour to our city. Excerpts...

Star of Mysore (SOM): How did you get into acting?

Nikhila: I have always been interested in acting. My first exposure to theatre was through 'Raja Maja', the summer camp for children organised by Natana. I was in 2nd standard when I joined the summer camp for the first time and since then theatre has been an integral part of my life. I took to acting full time when I was in 6th standard. After completing my graduation, I started to act in television soaps in Kannada. Currently, I am acting Telugu and Tamil languages as well.

SOM: How did 'Srinivasa Kalyana' happen?

Nikhila: It's quite an interesting story. I was actually sipping coffee with one of my friends at a coffee shop in Bengaluru when he suddenly took me for the audition and luckily I got selected for the role! It's been a long journey of two-and-half-years since I have been working with the team and it's a fantastic feeling to see that the people have accepted us and the movie quite well.

SOM: Off late many newcomers have come and even vanished in a flash. Do you think you have the talent to remain intact in the industry?

Nikhila: For any newcomer, the journey in the industry is definitely tough. But, I strongly believe that if the person is talented there is work in abundance. Opportunities do come but one has to be patient and wait for the right time and chance.

SOM: What kind of movies would you wish to do in future?

Nikhila: I like doing movies with good scripts unlike those films, which only focus on the glamour quotient of the female actresses. A movie like 'SrinivasaKalyana' has given me an opportunity not only to hone my acting skills but also to learn the technical aspects of making a movie which makes this project all the more interesting for me. There have to be intellectual conversations within the team which actually happened in my debut movie and I am glad about it.

SOM: In the movie 'Srinivasa Kalyana' you have delivered some bold dialogues. Were you comfortable doing so?

Nikhila: The dialogues were not added for the sake of adding them but it was necessary for the flow of the story. This apart, being a small budget movie, we released the trailer using one of the bold dialogues I have delivered only to grab the attention of audiences. We have tried to portray a philosophical concept in a commercial way.

SOM: Being a Kannadiga, how difficult was it for you to learn Telugu and Tamil languages?

Nikhila: I strongly believe that for an actor there shouldn't be a language barrier. Kannada industry has given me the break to establish myself as an actress.

But, since I wanted to experiment with my talent first, I choose to act in Telugu and Tamil languages as well.

Moreover, being stagnant at a particular place will not help one to grow as an actor is what I strongly feel and believe.

JK Tyres ready to start production at Falcon Tyres

Mysuru, Mar. 4 (RK&BCT)- In a major relief to the harried employees of Falcon Tyres, JK Tyres has expressed its interest to run and start production at the defunct Falcon Tyres that has stopped production since the last two years.

Mysuru-based Falcon Tyres, owned by the Ruia Group headed by Pavan Kumar Ruia and located at Metagalli in city, has closed production leaving thousands of employees in the lurch. The workers and families are now on an indefinite stir demanding the Government to intervene and revive the factory.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* on the sidelines of the two-day Mysore-MSME Expo-2017 being held at the Institution of Engineers-India (IEI) this morning, JK Tyres Vice-President (Works) Umesh Krishna Shenoy said that they were ready to start production at Falcon Tyres.

"Some talks took place three years back on JK Tyres taking over production at Falcon and a proposal had come to us. As we were told to take over Falcon loans that stood at Rs. 500 crore then, we had declined. We are ready to start production at Falcon Tyres if the proposal comes either from the factory or the State Government," he said.

Umesh Shenoy, however, said that JK Tyres will not take the responsibility of clearing loans and other financial liabilities. "We are only interested in production. Loans and liabilities are not our responsibilities, he said. He added that since JK Tyres and Falcon Tyres were in close proximity and since JK Tyres had the resources and manpower, it will be easy for them to roll out quality tyres from Falcon, giving employment opportunity and at the same time be profitable.

Umesh Shenoy said that JK Tyres purchased BK Birla flagship firm Kesoram Industries' tyre manufacturing plant at Haridwar in Uttarakhand for Rs. 2,200 crore and took over Mysuru-based Vikrant Tyres investing Rs. 1,500 crore. The company has a profitable business of Rs. 3,000 crore per year, producing 8,000 tonne of tyres in Mysuru, he added.

Elected to KPTCL Co-op. Society

Mysuru, Mar. 4- The following have been elected as Directors of KPTCL (Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited) Employees Credit Co-operative Society Ltd., Mysuru, for a five-year term (2018-22):

H.V. Sandeep, M.M. Thangamma, Eerajanayaka, A.S. Basavaraju, Krishna, K. Malati, A.S. Ashoka, Mohammed Shabbir, B.C. Mathure Gowda, P. Manju, C. Raju, S. Mahesh, Rangaswamy, R. Mahadeva, Sanne Gowda, O.K. Vinaykumar and A.L. Prashant Kumar.

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Azeez Sait Block Congress Committee has organised Satyameva Jayate Rally & Jana Vedana Conference against Demonetisation by Union Government and BJP.
The rally begins from Udayagiri Circle at 9.30am on March 5 (tomorrow) towards Highway Circle passing through Sathyanagar.
Public meeting will be held with our newly nominated Block President
ABDUL KHADER @ SHAHID
Venue: Jodi Tengina Mara Road, Near Star of Mysore Office, Opp. Boss Aqua Mineral Water factory, Bannimantap, Mysore.
We request all Congress leaders, party workers, well wishers & citizens to assemble in large numbers.
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Utilise SCP, TSP funds appropriately: DC

Mysuru, Mar. 4- DC D. Randeep has said that the review meeting on the progress made by various Departments for the development of SC/ST communities by utilisation of funds under SCP&TSP (Special Component Plan and Tribal Sub Plan) schemes, will be held every month instead of once in three months.

Presiding over a meeting of district level officials concerned with SCP and TSP schemes implementation at his office here recently, Randeep directed the officials to spend the funds sanctioned under the schemes within the same year. Asking the officials to take the schemes seriously, he warned them of action if they failed to utilise the funds.

Noting that the schemes have witnessed 62 percent utilisation of funds so far, Randeep said that a correct picture on spending will be known by Mar.15.

Stating that there was 40 percent progress in PWD Department as at the end of Jan.2017, the DC said that some Departments will show more progress post January. Stating that out of the Rs. 552.36 crore sanctioned under SCP and TSP schemes, Rs. 350 crore has been released to various Departments, Randeep said that Rs. 215 has been spent out of the released funds.

Announcing that the progress review meeting will tentatively take place on the 15th of every month, the DC directed the officials to come fully prepared for the meeting.

ZP Chief Planning Officer Prabhuswamy, Social Welfare Joint Director Prabha, Integrated Tribal Development Planning Officer Shivakumar and other officials attended the meeting.

Coffee growers' associations to meet BJP leaders on March 6

A delegation led by Coffee Growers Federation President Ajjamada Shankaru Nachappa along with Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha at the MP's office in Jaladarshini Guest House in Mysuru recently.

Mysuru, Mar. 4- A meeting to discuss the long-pending demands of coffee growers has been called in Bengaluru on Mar. 6, said Mysuru-Kodagu Member of Parliament Pratap Simha. The meeting will be held with State BJP leaders to discuss the problems faced by coffee growers and attention of State and Union governments will be drawn, he said.

The MP was speaking to a delegation led by Kodagu Coffee Growers Federation President Ajjamada Shankaru Nachappa at his office at Jaladarshini Guest House recently. The coffee growers urged the MP to apprise the Union Government about the long-pending issues faced by the growers.

In 2015, the delegation had met the Union Commerce Minister, Finance Minister and Secretaries from the Ministries along with other Members of Parliament and had urged them to waive off the loans taken by coffee growers. The delegation had also urged them to announce packages to enable the growers to tide over the crisis. Despite this, no package was announced and the growers were not provided any relief, the delegation told the MP.

Listening to the delegation, Pratap Simha contacted Chikmagalur's Karnataka Growers Federation (KGF) President Jayaram and initiated the meeting of all Coffee Growers' Federations to discuss their problems under a single platform. It was decided that on March 6, the delegation will hold discussion with BJP State President B.S. Yeddyurappa and other State BJP leaders to exert pressure on the Centre to provide relief to the growers.

Kodagu Coffee Growers Federation Secretary Annira Harish Madappa, Treasurer Maanira Vijay Nanjappa, Advisor Cheppudira Sherry Subbaiah and Director Kaibulira M. Harish were present.

Save Cauvery, save Kodagu and save ourselves - 2

The environment of Kodagu is being destroyed at an alarming rate. With many destructive development projects planned, the landscape of Kodagu is being destroyed, endangering the indigenous communities. In this article, President of Coorg Wildlife Society Colonel (Retd.) C.P. Muthanna looks at three aspects: The importance of protecting Kodagu landscape and environment, the threats and the solution. —Ed

By Col. (Retd.) C.P. Muthanna

[Continued from yesterday]

Opposition to environmentalists: It is unfortunate that there are a group of people in Kodagu who are totally opposed to environmentalists in Kodagu and who always object to any measures that could protect the Kodagu environment and landscape. They term all environmentalists as fake environmentalists who are thriving on foreign funds.

These people have opposed any move to protect Kodagu such as Greater Talacauvery Wildlife Sanctuary, Buffer Zone to Nagarahole National Park, UNESCO Heritage Site for Western Ghat Forests of Kodagu, recommendations of Madhav Gadgil report and recommendations of Kasturirangan Report. However, they are fully in support of 400 KV power line through Kodagu, railway line, Barapole hydro project, etc.

Our Home Minister and Minister in-charge of Kodagu district declared that he would not allow even one inch of Kodagu to be designated as Eco Sensitive Zone. When he declares that he will not allow even one inch of Kodagu to be declared as Eco Sensitive Zone, he is actually saying that he, with origins in Kerala, will not allow even one inch of Kodagu to be protected. This is our situation!

We need to develop in a sensible manner so that there is encouragement for coffee production, agriculture, etc. and the land, culture and traditions of the indigenous communities are protected while ensuring their financial security.

Some people want to keep on harping about development in Kodagu. I want to ask them how Kodagu was 25 years ago and how it is today. At this rate of destruction, what will be the fate of Kodagu 10 years from now? The Cauvery in Kushalnagar runs black with filth. The Lakshmanatheertha has been killed by sand mining. Lakhs of trees have been felled. The beautiful paddy fields of Kodagu have become ugly sites and layouts. Even sacred groves are not being spared. When will development in Kodagu be complete? When all the trees have gone? When all the rivers and streams are killed by pollution and sand mining? When Kodagu becomes a huge slum and the indigenous communities are totally marginalised and gradually destroyed?

Madhav Gadgil Report

During 2011, The Western Ghats Ecology Experts Panel under Prof. Madhav Gadgil had recommended that all the three Taluks of Kodagu should be declared as an Eco Sensitive area. The Government then set up the Kasturirangan High Level Western Ghats Panel to review the Madhav Gadgil report. At that time, Coorg Wildlife Society had made recommendations to the Kasturirangan Committee where we had asked for the Madhav Gadgil Panel recommendations to be implemented with certain modifications.

If our politicians had agreed to the recommendations with certain conditions, we would not have been in this terrible state today. We could have avoided the Kerala power line and Kongana Project and Railway link through Kodagu and we would not have seen this amount of dirt and garbage. However, the elected representative warned people against this report and opposed it vehemently.

The total money for the railway lines and national highways would be perhaps over Rs. 3,000 crore. While thousands of crores are available to destroy Kodagu, marginalise indigenous communities and degrade the flow of River Cauvery, there is no money to mitigate human elephant conflict, to establish Ecological Unit for Kodagu, to restore the degraded Kodagu forests and to provide financial security to the communities of Kodagu for protecting the Kodagu landscape. We have to unite to fight this injustice.

What is the way forward?

Kodagu must be protected to ensure that Cauvery can provide sufficient water for downstream users. The Kongana River project is being planned because there is insufficient water in Lakshmanatheertha to sustain Hunsur. The Kongana Dam will again result in the submergence of more land in Kodagu, further destroying green cover. This will increase human-animal conflict and further reduction in rainfall. This will again result in demands for more projects for building dams in Kodagu.

If Kodagu continues to be exploited in this manner, the day is not far away when Kodagu will no longer be the catchment for River Cauvery and River Cauvery itself may cease to have any significant flow. The indigenous communities will also be headed for extinction due to the destruction of their homeland.

If we do not take strong and urgent action, Kodagu will continue to be urbanised and projects through Kodagu will continue to tear through the forests, coffee estates and paddy fields. In another ten to twenty years there will be no Kodagu left. Is this what we want our children to inherit from us?

The fact is that Kodagu will continue to be ravaged until it is totally destroyed. The only hope is to get legal safeguard for Kodagu by having the entire Kodagu district declared as an eco-sensitive area under the provisions of the Environment Protection Act. There is absolutely no other way that Kodagu can be saved.

Kodagu's environment is important not only for us but also for the residents of the cities down-stream and especially for the poor farmers of Karnataka and Tamil Nadu. Thousands of farmers from Karnataka and Tamil Nadu caught in the web of drought and debt are forced to commit suicide. We must spare a thought for them and for the plight of their families.

[Concluded]

Mysore MSME Expo begins

Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa, MP Pratap Simha, MLA and MIA President Vasu, MSMEC General Secretary Suresh Kumar Jain and others seen taking a look at the exhibits on display at the two-day MSME expo in city this morning. [Pic. by Pragathi Gopalakrishna]

Mysuru, Mar. 4 (RK&DM)- The two-day Mysore MSME Expo-2017 and Fourth National Vendor Development programme, jointly organised by MSME Development Institute, Bengaluru, Ministry of MSME, Govt. of India, Department of Industries and Commerce, Govt. of Karnataka, District Industries Centre (DIC), Mysuru, Karnataka Small Scale Industries Association (KASSIA), Bengaluru, Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), Mysuru, Mysore Industries Association (MIA) and Micro, Small and Medium, Enterprises (MSME) Council, Mysuru, began at the Institution of Engineers-India (IEI) on JLB Road here this morning.

PWD and District in-Charge Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa inaugurated the expo. Chamaraja MLA Vasu, who is also the President of MIA, presided. MP Pratap Simha released a souvenir brought out on the occasion.

DC D. Randeep, FKCCI Bengaluru President M.C. Dinesh, KASSIA President A. Padmanabha, Vice-President R. Hanumanthegowda, MSME-DI Director S.N. Rangaprasad, Dy. Director H.V. Anandamurthy, MSMEC President T.D. Jayachandra Urs, General Secretary Suresh Kumar Jain, Secretary S. Madegowda, DIC Joint Director H. Ramakrishnegowda, MIA Gen. Secretary N. Satish and others were present.

The Expo features more than 90 stalls. KSSIDC, KIADB, KSFC, South Western Railway (SWR), BEML, Automotive Axles, Spectra Tools, Surya Batteries, J.K. Tyres, Rane Madras, Sumit Bags, Jain Kaigarike, Canara Bank, SBM, Syndicate Bank, several financial institutions and many other public and private sector units have erected stalls at the expo, which features technical sessions about the promotion of industries, Goods & Service Tax (GST), Tally etc.

The event also showcases a variety of programmes under MSME and provides a comprehensive information about the challenges and opportunities in Industrial and manufacturing sector.

The expo will be open between 10 am and 8.30 pm today and tomorrow.

CPK inaugurates two-day ABVP State-level Workshop

Mysuru, Mar. 4 (SP&DM)- A two-day Akhila Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) State-level Workshop for Post-Graduate and Research students, began at Cauvery auditorium in KSOU campus, Muktagangothri, here this morning.

Veteran Littérateur Dr. C.P. Krishnakumar (CPK) inaugurated the workshop by lighting a lamp.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. CPK regretted that irrelevant issues are being debated in Universities, which are temples of education. Regretting the decline in moral and human values, he underlined the need for students to move forward with a strong cultural foundation.

Expressing concern over the growing menace of negative values, he highlighted the need for spreading cultural and rural values among the student fraternity and younger generation.

Stressing on the need for building intellectualism among students, Dr. CPK exhorted the student fraternity to develop a positive mindset in tackling the problems that have been haunting the country for long.

Flower petals were showered on the portraits of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, Swami Vivekananda and Goddess Saraswathi on the occasion.

ABVP National General Secretary Vinay Bidare, State President Dr. Allama Prabhu, Jagadish Mane of Karnatak University - Dharwad, GSS Foundation Head Srihari and others were present.

Hundreds of ABVP activists, students and scholars are taking part in this two-day workshop which concludes tomorrow.

Mass Suryanamaskara on Sunday

Mysuru, Mar. 4 (US)- Mysore Yoga Association has organised a Mass Suryanamaskara programme tomorrow at 7 am at Sanskrit Patashala on Sayyaji Rao Road here. Dr. Bhashyam Swamiji will grace the occasion.

Corporator M.V. Ramaprasad will preside. Srihari of GSS Foundation will inaugurate the programme.

Achievers K.S. Raghuramaiah Vajpayee, Pushpa Iyengar, Dr. K. Leela Prakash and Police Nagabhushan will be presented with *Dharmika Sevarathna*, *Samaja Sevarathna*, *Sahitya Sevarathna* and *Yoga Sevarathna awards* respectively.

A photo exhibition on heritage of Yoga in Mysuru is also arranged from 7 am to 9 am.

Sarvajna Jayanthi on Mar.5

Mysuru, Mar. 4 (US)- The District Administration, Department of Kannada and Culture together with District Kumbara Associations have organised a function tomorrow at 11 am at Kalamandira here to mark Sarvajna Jayanthi in memory of the great saint poet.

Earlier to that, a colourful procession will be taken out from Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple near Palace North Gate to the venue.

The stage programme at Kalamandira will be inaugurated by District in-charge Minister Dr. H.C.Mahadevappa. Sri Basava Kumbaragundaiah Swamiji of Chitradurga Kumbara Gurupeetha will grace the occasion. MLA Vasu will preside. CREDIT-I CEO Dr. M.P. Varsha will deliver a lecture.

Moodalapaaya Yakshagana *Karibantana Kathe* tomorrow

Mysuru, Mar. 4- On the occasion of *Mahakumbhabhisheka* of renovated Sri Raakaasamma Temple of Kalale village, Nanjanagud Taluk, an episode *Karibantana Kathe* drawn from *Sri Raakasammana Charitre* will be performed in Moodalapaaya Yakshagana style by the artistes of Sri Mahalingeshwara Temple, K.Hemmanahalli on Sunday (Mar.5) from 9 pm onwards.

The team comprises: T.Ravindra - Bhaagavatha, K.Ganeshamurthy-Maddale, H.Narayanaswamy-Mukhaveene and K. Rajappa- Harmonium in the background and Narayana, Mahadevaswamy, Govindaraju, Ravish, Deepak, Raghavendra, Kirana, Umesha, Deviprakash Alva, Atish Alva, Rakesha, Prabhu, Soujanya and Amrutha in the forefront.

Yakshagana Natya Guru K. Vishweshwara Bhat and Secretary of Mahalingeshwara Temple G.N. Ananthavardhana will be co-ordinating the play.

Poet Kempannagowda, who lived in 14th century in Andenahalli, Mandya, has written this story *Karibantana Kathe* which consists of 1,571 poems. This story was a great hit for the folklore artistes from time immemorial. The story is about a brave local leader hailing from Ganga family which runs throughout the night. But now it is reduced to just 2 hours.

Kuvempu Vidya Vardhaka Trust had published a book titled *"Kempannagowda virachitha Yakshagana — Karibantana Kathe"* for which Dr. D. Javaregowda was the Chief Editor and H.B. Yashodhara, Editor, in 1984 itself, and CVG Publications, Bengaluru, has published a book titled *"Kempanna Gowdana Yakshagana Kavyagalu"*, edited by Ha.Ka. Rajegowda in 1993, which shows the importance of the works of the poet.

A myth is that in order to kill the demon Mahishasura, Godess Devi had appeared in different forms and names. One of that forms is Sri Raakasamma for which a temple was constructed in Kalale village long back.

For details call: Ananthavardhana: 94492 64920 or Subanna: 96636-01726.

'Pratibha Surabhi' music contest

Mysuru, Mar. 4 - Surabhi Gaana Kalamandira, Gokulam, has organised a State-level music contest titled *'Pratibha Surabhi'* at Alwar Kala Bhavan in Gokulam on Mar. 26.

The contest will be held in two categories — Junior section (12-18 years) and senior section (19-25 years). Winners in the junior section will be awarded cash prize of Rs. 3,000, Rs. 2,000 and Rs.1,000 and in Senior Section — Rs. 5,000, Rs. 3,000 and Rs. 2,000 respectively along with 'Nada Surabhi' award.

Interested candidates may register their names before Mar. 15. For details, contact Meera Manjunath on Mob: 94806 - 38815 or Lalitha Srinivasan on Mob: 96635-82045.

MLA Somashekar promises solution

SOM ***Editor-in-Chief K.B. Ganapathy is seen inaugurating the 'Public Grievance Meeting' at CITB Choultry in Siddarthanagar this morning as MUDA Commissioner Dr. M. Mahesh, Siddarthanagar Basava Balaga President M. Linganna, KR MLA M.K. Somashekar and Dy. Commissioner D. Randeep look on.*** *[Pic. by Pragathi Gopalkrishna]*

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Raising the issue of Survey Numbers 4 and 41, Ganapathy, in his inaugural address, said that the residents of the said survey numbers were not encroachers or squatters but were legal possessors of properties. "These layouts were formed by the Government's own department through City Improvement Trust Board (CITB) (now MUDA) and transferred to the MCC. There were no problems since they were formed nearly 25 years ago and suddenly two years back the entire land has been illogically classified as "B Kharab" (government land) by the government's own officers who are unaware of the background and history of these MUDA-formed layouts," he said.

"Successive officers have bungled and the innocent residents have to bear the brunt. The unscientific classification as "B Kharab" has resulted in non-issue of 'khatas', title deeds, building plans, completion certificates, etc. thus legally disabling them from selling their properties, mortgaging them to raise loans or to partition properties to meet their commitments," he said.

As it was a public grievance meeting organised by MLA Somashekar, Ganapathy, looking at the MLA, said that an MLA is a bridge between the government and the people. "We hope that this issue will be solved before your term ends in about one-and-a-half years," he said. At this point, the MLA stood up and announced that the issue will be solved within three months. The MLA's words were greeted by dignitaries and the people present with applause.

Later addressing the gathering, Somashekar said that he was following up the issue and had spoken to Revenue and Urban Development Ministers and the Department Secretaries. "Now MUDA has submitted a report with its recommendations to the DC who has sent it to the government and a final decision will be taken by June-end," he said.

MUDA Commissioner Dr. M. Mahesh said that though the properties were distributed by CITB way back in 1963, a few cases filed by some parties at various Courts led to the classification of the land to "B Kharab." The officer said that MUDA had recently completed re-survey of the entire land and submitted a report to the DC. The decision has to be taken at government level, he added.

Deputy Commissioner D. Randeep, Deputy Commissioner of Police (crime) N. Rudramuni, former Deputy Mayor Mahadevamma, City Mahila Congress President Radhamani, Siddarthanagar Basava Balaga President M. Linganna, Kurubarahalli Taxpayers' Association President Manikantaswamy and others were present.

Kurubarahalli Hitharakshana Samithi meeting

A meeting of Survey No. 4 Kurubarahalli Hitharakshana Samithi was held to discuss the same issue at the Varasiddhi Vinayaka Temple at Siddarthanagar this morning where B.P. Manjunath, Samithi Convener, said that though the Samithi had organised many protests, the issue was pending since a long time. "Though we had even booked criminal cases against Revenue Secretary and Urban Development Secretary, the issue was not solved. Now the Congress, through MLA M.K. Somashekar is taking credit for the issue," he alleged.

"Survey Numbers 4 and 41 come under Krishnaraja and Narasimharaja Constituencies respectively and both the Congress MLAs were missing since the beginning of the problem. Now Congress is hijacking the issue and are claiming credit," he alleged. Former Minister S.A. Ramdas was present.

STAR PUNCH By Satish Acharya

MCC issues final notice to *Mall of Mysore* over dues

Mysuru, Mar. 4- The Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) yesterday slapped a final notice on *Mall of Mysore* over pending taxes. The commercial establishment was asked to pay the arrears immediately failing which the Corporation threatened to lock it.

A team of MCC's Standing Committee on Town Planning Members, led by its Chairman Nandish Preetham and officials, visited the *Mall of Mysore* to issue the warning. Sources said that the Mall owe to the Corporation Rs. 75 lakh for the year 2016-17.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning, MCC Revenue Officer Kumar Naik said that the Mall owed Rs. 75 lakh and steps have been taken to recover the money. "We had sent a notice a month back to the Mall and we have also issued a 15-day notice. We will wait for the reply and take a suitable decision as per law," he said.

Nandish Preetham told the Mall authorities that the team had visited the premises to personally issue notices as the dues were not paid. He along with other members took the owners of the business establishment to task for failing to set up a mechanised parking lot which has led to customers parking vehicles on roads.

Meanwhile, with just a month for the end of the financial year, the MCC has been able to collect only Rs. 287.8 crore tax as against the demand of Rs. 2,221 crore from 1,92,433 properties in city.

MCC Commissioner G. Jagadeesha has set a 15-day deadline for establishments to pay taxes failing which he has warned seizure of properties under Article 147, Section 3 of Karnataka Municipal Act.

Women in the race...

Mysuru, Mar.4 - The Department of Women and Child Welfare had organised a day-long District-level Sports Meet for women as part of International Women's Day celebrations at Chamundi Vihar Stadium this morning. Around 50 women, all winners of Taluk-level sports meet, took part in 100 mts sprint, 200 mts sprint, lemon and spoon race, shot put events. The winners from the District-level will be selected for State-level competition to be held later in the year.

Foundation stone laid for Nature Cure and Yoga College building

Mysuru, Mar.4 (RK&DM)- District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa laid the foundation stone for Government Nature Cure and Yoga (Prakruti Chikitse Mathu Yoga) College building at Brindavan Extension First Stage on KRS Road in city this morning. The Minister also laid the foundation stone for the kitchen block.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Mahadevappa said that the College building in being constructed under the Karnataka Health Systems Development and Reform Project at a cost of Rs. 7.16 crore.

Explaining the benefits of nature cure and yoga, the Minister said yoga helps in maintaining good health and help reduce mental and physical stress to a substantial extent. He also highlighted the State Government's efforts for providing quality health care for all sections of the society.

MLA Vasu presided. MP Pratap Simha, Dy. Mayor Rathna Lakshman, Corporators Anasuya Ramanna, M. Ramesh, Bhagyavathi and Prashanth Gowda were present.

Deputation of teachers

Mysuru, Mar. 4 (US)- The Department of Public Instruction has invited applications from Government Primary School teachers for deputation with wages for B.Sc (CBZ and PCM) and BA (English) courses to improve quality of education in Science stream and English language.

A circular in that context has been sent to Block Education Officer (BEO). Interested teachers may obtain the application forms from the concerned BEO and submit the filled in forms before Mar. 20, according to a release.

NOW SHOWING

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
KANNADA			
Hebbuli	Sangam	2520494	4 Shows
	Lakshmi	2443584	4 Shows
	Mahadeshwara	9900820093	4 Shows
	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows
Jilebi	Prabha	2423569	4 Shows
	Sri Maruthi	2521923	4 Shows
	Sterling	2481170	4 Shows
Eradanesala	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
	Skyline	2481170	4 Shows
1/4 kg Preethi	Woodlands	2422871	2 Shows
Chowka	Woodlands	2422871	2 Shows
	Shanthala	2427584	4 Shows
Kirik Party	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
	Lido	2420885	4 Shows
HINDI			
Killer Boys	Olympia	2420737	4 Shows
Commando 2	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	4 Shows
	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
Miss Teacher	Uma	2520009	4 Shows
TAMIL			
Kuttram 23	Padma	2521923	4 Shows
TELUGU			
Dwaraka	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows

DRC CINEMAS — PH: 4240422, 4241800

Logan (E)	(S-1)	11.00 am, 4.15 pm
	(S-4)	7.10 pm, 9.55 pm
Commando 2 (H)	(S-1)	1.50 pm; (S-4) 11.15 am
	(S-2)	7.25 pm, 9.55 pm
Hebbuli (K)	(S-1)	7.00 pm, 9.45 pm
	(S-4)	1.45 pm, 4.30 pm
Aby (Ma)	(S-2)	11.05 am
Eradanesala (K)	(S-2)	1.55 pm
Dwaraka (Te)	(S-2)	4.15 pm
1/4 KG Preethi (K)	(S-3)	11.00 am
Jilebi (K)	(S-3)	1.45 pm
Kuttram 23 (Ta)	(S-3)	4.30 pm
The Ghazi Attack (H)	(S-3)	7.20 pm
Oru Mexican Aparatha (Ma)	(S-3)	9.55 pm

INOX LIVE THE MOVIE — PH: 2533444 / 2533456

Hebbuli (K)	(S-2)	10.20 am, 1.10 pm, 4.00 pm 6.50 pm, 9.40 pm
Logan (E)	(S-1)	10.10 am, 1.00 pm, 3.50 pm 6.40 pm, 9.30 pm
Commando -2 (H)	(S-3)	1.15 pm
	(S-4)	9.55 am, 5.05 pm, 9.55 pm
Kuttram 23 (Ta)	(S-3)	10.30 am
Jelibi (K)	(S-4)	12.15 pm
Eradanesala (K)	(S-4)	2.40 pm
Aby (Ma)	(S-3)	7.05 pm
Kirik Party (K)	(S-3)	3.50 pm
1/4 KG Preethi (K)	(S-4)	7.35 pm
Dwaraka (Te)	(S-3)	9.50 pm

Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

AIR ON SUNDAY

6.00 am Patriotic Songs, 6.10 Geetaradhana, 6.30 Chinthana, 6.35 Sannutigeete, 6.45 Sponsored Prog., 10.00 Keli Giligale, 10.15 Jenkara, 10.30 Makkala Mantapa, 11.30 Yuvavani, 1.00 pm Devaranama, 1.20 Bhavageete, 1.40 Madhyanada Madhurya, 2.35 Vaarada Atithi, 4.00 Vaarada Cinema, 6.45 Folk Songs, 6.30 Vijnana Munnade, 6.50 Krishi Ranga, 9.16 Gazals, 9.30 Akhila Bharata Ravivarada Sangeetha Sabha.

EVENTS TODAY (MAR.4)

MSME-DI, Bengaluru, Department of Industries & Commerce, DIC, Mysuru, KASSIA, Bengaluru, CII, Mysuru, MIA and MSME Council: National Vendor Development Programme and Mysore MSME Expo-2017, The Institution of Engineers (India), JLB Road, **up to 8.30 pm.**

Tripura and Ramsons Kala Pratishtana: 'Kalavrushka' art expo, Suchitra Art Gallery, Kalamandira, **5 pm to 9 pm.**

Krishne Dance School: 'Arpane-2017,' a cultural evening in memory of Centenarian late H.S. Suryanarayana, former Rangayana Director H. Janardhana guest of honour, Guruvandana will be offered to Nandini Eswer, Director, Raasavrunda School of Dance, Mysuru, 'Nartana Anubhava' — A traditional Bharatanatyam recital by Vidu. Dimple and team, Mysuru, Veene Seshanna Bhavana, Ganabharathi, Kuvempunagar, **6 pm.**

Middle School Teachers Association: Seminar on 'Text Book Revision,' former Kuvempu University VC Dr. K. Chidanandagowda presides, MLC Arun Shahapur delivers the lecture, Madhava Krupa Hall, JLB Road, **6 pm.**

The Institution of Engineers-India: Tech talk on 'Development of Nuclear Science and Technology in India' by Dr. J. Shashidhara Prasad, former VC, Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Learning & UoM; IEI Past Chairman T.H. Udayashankar presides, IEI, JLB Road, **6 pm.**

Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha: Karnatak Classical Vocal by Vidushi Dr. Padmavathi Narasimhan, Vid. Dr.K.T.Udaykiran-Violin, Vid. A.Radhesh - Mridanga, Vid. B.S. Raghunandan - Ghatam; K.Vasudevacharya Bhavana,- JLB Road, Lakshmipuram, **6 pm.**

Rangavalli: Staging of play 'Tatte Idli Raddhanta,' Vanaranga, Rangayana premises, **7 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (MAR.5)

Mysuru Yoga Association: Suryopasane and Mass Suryanamaskara; Expo of Mysuru Yoga Tradition, felicitation to achievers, Prof. Bhashyam Swamiji graces the occasion, GSS Foundation Founder Srihari Dhwarakanath inaugurates, Corporator M.V. Ramprasad presides, Srimanmaharaja Samskrita Pathashale, **7 am.**

Sri Raghavendraswamy Seva Samiti: Sri Raghavendraswamy Pattabhisheka and Vardhanti, Lakshmihayagriva Mahayaga, Homa and Abhisheka, **8 am;** Poornahuti, **10.30 am;** Mahamangalarati, **12 noon;** Thirta Prasadam, Mutt premises, Jayalakshmipuram, **12.30 pm.**

Divya Jyothi Charitable Trust: State-level Cultural Prog. for Visually-Challenged, MCC Commissioner G. Jagadeesha inaugurates, MUDA Chairman D. Dhruvakumar and Corporator Girish Prasad chief guests, Trust Founder M.A. Shivaprakash presides, **10 am;** Valedictory, retd. AIISH Director Dr. Na. Ratna, Youth Courage award winner from UNO Ashwini Angadi and Mahesh of Red FM chief guests, Trust premises, Gokulam 3rd Stage, **4 pm.**

MSME-DI, Bengaluru, Department of Industries & Commerce, DIC, Mysuru, KASSIA, Bengaluru, CII, Mysuru, MIA and MSME Council: National Vendor Development Prog. and Mysore MSME Expo-2017, The Institution of Engineers (India), JLB Road, **10 am to 8.30 pm.**

Kalabharathi, cultural wing of Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan (BVB), Mysuru: Aaradhana Mahotsava of Sri Purandaradasa, Saint Thyagaraja and Sri Kanakadasa, N. Ramanuja, Chairman, BVB, Bengaluru, chief guest, Dr. A.V. Narasimha Murthy, Chairman of BVB, Mysuru, presides, Vidu. Dharitri Ananda Rao and team will render Saint Thyagaraja's 'Pancharathna Kritis' and 'Devaranamas,' felicitated to Vainika Vidwan R.K. Raghavan, Prof. Y. T. Thathachari auditorium, **10 am.**

Mata Amritanandamayi Mutt: Darshan of Mata Amritanandamayi (Amma), Mata Amritanandamayi Mutt, Bogadi, **10.30 am.**

Navaneeta Prakashana, Bengaluru and Karnataka Vichara Vedike, Mysuru: Book release — Dr. Vijayamala Ranganath's *'Nage Nartana'* and *'V.Kri. Gokak'* — and humorous programme, writer Dr. Malali Vasanthakumar inaugurates the programme and releases the books, social worker K. Raghuram presides, Yakshagana exponent G.S. Bhatta and scholar Dr. Kabbinale Vasant Bharadwaj chief guests, Hardwicke PU College Principal Hirimarali Dharmaraju delivers keynote address, Institution of Engineers-India, JLB Road, **10.30 am.**

Basava Samiti, Hebbal-Vijayanagar and Sharana Sahitya Parishat, Chamaraja Constituency Unit: Sharana Sangama-230 and Endowment Programme, talk on 'Vachanagalalli Samajika Kalakali' by writer H.L. Shivabasappa, Basava Samiti, Hebbal-Vijayanagar President H.V. Basavaraju presides, Basava Bhavana, CA-5, Vijayanagar 1st Stage, **10.30 am.**

Ananya Prakashana, Mysuru: Novel release — Usha Narasimhan's *'Parshiyaparimala'* — by writer Dr. Kavita Rai, Dr. Naimur Rahman and Dr. M.S. Veda guests, Kannada Sahitya Parishat Mysuru President Dr. Y.D. Rajanna presides, Namana Kala Manatapa, #1231, 2nd Cross, Krishnamurthypuram, **10.30 am to 1.30 pm.**

Al-ansar Hospital: Inauguration of Emergency, Critical Care and Super-Speciality Services by Minister Tanveer Sait, former VC of Mangalore & Goa Universities Prof. B. Sheikh Ali, former VC of Yenepoya University Dr. Syed Akheel Ahmed, MMC&RI Dean & Director Dr. B. Krishnamurthy, MAHAN Trust-Mysuru President Dr. R. Mahesh Kumar, Mufti Tajuddin Saheb, Moulvi Salman, Arif Mekhri and Dr. K. Javeed Nayeem guests of honour, Hospital premises, Mohd. Sait Block, **11 am.**

All India SC/ST, Backward Classes and Minorities Labour Unions Federation, Mysuru District Unit: Meeting to discuss the recent Supreme Court ruling on Government SC/ST employees promotion, Jaladarshini Guest House, **11.30 am.**

Mysore Jilla Prakrithika Chikitsa Sansthe, Vidyaranyapuram: Talk on 'Acupuncture' by Dr. Saida Khanum, Sri Shivananda Jnanalaya, Lakshmipuram, **3 pm.**

Tripura and Ramsons Kala Pratishtana: 'Kalavrushka' art expo by R. Shivakumar, K.B. Chandrakanth, S. Gowripriya, C.R. Apoorva, Sahitya Ramesh and S. Balasubramanyam, Suchitra Art Gallery, Kalamandira, **5 pm to 9 pm.**

Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha: Hindustani Classical Vocal and Bhakti Sangith by Vidushi M.D. Pallavi & Party, K. Vasudevacharya Bhavana, JLB Road, **5.30 pm.**

The Institution of Engineers-India (IEI), Mysuru Local Centre: Technical lecture on 'Conservation of Urban Lakes,' U.N. Ravikumar, former Director, CART- Mysuru, guest speaker, IEI Chairman M. Chinnaswamy presides, S.P. Bhat Hall, IEI premises, **6 pm.**

Abhiyenthararu - Theatre for Engineers: Staging of Siddalinga Pattanashetty's play 'Suryasthadinda Suryodayadavarage' directed by Nanjunde Gowda and enacted by Dhrusya Kavya, Bengaluru, Kalamandira, **7 pm.**

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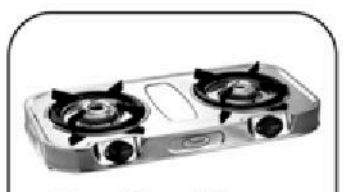

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